GUIDELINES FOR REVIEWING
A CORE READING PROGRAM RUBRIC

Common Core State Standards Treasures Grade 6

Final Review

Directions for use:
- Thoroughly review the core reading program using the corresponding rubric.
- Only evaluate the individual components that correlate with the grade level to review. *(Note the placement of the "x" within the grade level columns.)*
- Each indicator must receive a score using the following criteria:
  2 – Exceeds expectations
  1 – Meets expectations
  0 – Does not meet expectations
  (For any indicator receiving a 0, comments must be provided justifying the score.)
- Record the total score for each area in the final row for the section.

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INSTRUCTION

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN (ID)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1. Is there empirical research on this program's efficacy?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
2. Are resources available to help the teacher understand the rationale for the instructional approach and program strategies (e.g., articles, explanations in the teacher manuals, references, and reliable websites)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
3. Does the comprehensive program address the five components of reading (phonological/phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
4. In addition to the five components of reading, are other dimensions of reading such as spelling, writing, oral language, and listening comprehension addressed?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
5. Is there a scope and sequence?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
6. Are goals and objectives clearly stated?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Objectives, but no goals.
7. Are student materials aligned with instructional objective of the lesson?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Transparencies are outdated.
8. Do instructional materials increase in difficulty as students' skills strengthen?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Three levels but have a fourth.
9. Are all lessons and activities (e.g., whole group, small group, and centers) reading-related?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
10. Is there a clear and logical organization to the lessons in:									
The order and procedures of each day's lesson?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
The inclusion of all necessary materials?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
The consistency of each day's lesson format?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	This is flexible.
Addressing the components of reading every day?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
11. Is instruction consistently explicit? Is it concise, specific, and related to the objective?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
12. Are teacher directives highly details to ensure accurate implementation?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
13. Does the lesson format facilitate frequent interactions between teacher and students?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
14. Is instruction consistently systematic? Is there a prescribed order for introducing specific skills within each component of reading?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	

15. Are there coordinated instructional sequences and instructional routines which include:										
Modeling?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
Guided practice with feedback?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
Student practice and application?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
Cumulative review?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
16. Are there many guided practice opportunities for explicit teaching and teacher-directed feedback (for typically progressing readers and more for struggling readers)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
17. Does the program provide clear guidance for the teacher to document student progress and inform instruction?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
18. Does instruction make a clear connection *among* all five components?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
19. Is scaffolding a prominent part of the lessons?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
20. Are instructions for scaffolding specific within each lesson?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
21. Are teachers encouraged to give immediate, specific feedback (corrective or positive)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
22. Is differentiated instruction prominent?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
23. Is instruction differentiated based on assessment?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
24. Are directions for differentiating instruction specific?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
25. Is small-group instruction (small teacher-pupil ratio) part of daily instruction?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
26. Are there guidelines for forming flexible groups based on student progress?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
27. Are enrichment activities included for advanced students?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
28. Does the program provide instruction for English Learners?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
29. Does the program specify for whom it is appropriate (e.g., students on or above grade level, students slightly behind their peers, students more than one grade level behind their peers)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
30. Does the program specify who should provide instruction for accurate implementation (e.g., special education teacher, general education teacher, paraprofessional, or volunteer)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
31. Does the program specify the instructional setting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	

(e.g., general education classroom, computer lab, or resource room)?									
TOTAL								**50**	

PHONICS (P)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1. Is phonics instruction **explicit**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Weak, lacking.
2. Is phonics instruction **systematic**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
3. Does phonics instruction include **coordinated instructional sequences** and **routines**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
4. Is phonics instruction **scaffolded**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
5. Does phonics instruction include **cumulative review**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Not seen other than tested skills in a unit, which can occur several weeks later in a different unit.
6. Are assessments included to measure and monitor progress in phonics?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
7. Are symbol to sound (decoding) and sound to symbol (spelling) taught explicitly?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
8. Is spelling taught during word learning so students can understand how sounds map onto print?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
9. Does instruction progress from simple to more complex concepts (e.g., CVC words before CCCVCC words and single syllable words before multisyllabic words)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Refer to Scope & Sequence.
10. Are reviews of previously taught concepts and words frequent and cumulative?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
11. Is emphasis placed on fluency practice for each phonics component (e.g., sound identification, CVC blending, word recognition, multisyllabic words, and text reading)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
12. Are students taught the strategy of chunking when trying to decode multisyllabic words?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	*Publisher's Comment*: Students become familiar with the strategy of chunking when trying to decode multisyllabic words in the phonics lessons of the *Treasures* program. Examples include chunking multisyllabic words into syllables, chunking multisyllabic words into their word parts (such as prefixes, root words, and inflectional endings) and chunking compound words into each part of the compound.

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								Students can use the strategy by recognizing a chunk of a multisyllabic word and then adding on other parts when trying to decode multisyllabic words.
13. Does the program provide teacher modeling of a think-aloud strategy to aid in multisyllabic word analysis?	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
14. Are students taught strategies to read multisyllabic words by using prefixes, suffixes, and known word parts?	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Limited exposure.
15. Is instruction explicit in the use of syllable types (e.g., open, closed, vowel-consonant-e, vowel combinations, r-controlled, and consonant-le)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
16. Is a section of the program devoted to advances phonics (structural analysis) skills?		X	X	X	X	X	1	
17. Are advanced phonics skills taught explicitly, first in isolation and then in words and connected texts?		X	X	X	X	X	1	
18. Does the program include spelling strategies (e.g., word sorts, categorization activities, word-building activities, and word analogies)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
19. Is instruction in the meaning of roots and affixes explicit and do students analyze the relationship of spelling to meaning of complex words?			X	X	X	X	1	
20. Are word parts that occur with high frequency (e.g., un-, re-, in-, and –ful) taught rather than those that occur only in a few words?	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
21. Are there activities for distinguishing and interpreting words with multiple meanings?	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
22. Once advanced phonics strategies have been mastered, are they immediately applied to reading and interpreting familiar and unfamiliar connected texts?	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
23. Are words used in advanced phonics activities also found in student texts?							1	*Publisher's Comment*: Students read words used in advanced phonics activities in the Decodable Passages found in the Teacher's Resource Book. Page references for the appropriate Decodable Passage can be found on the Teacher's Edition Phonics pages.
TOTAL							23	

FLUENCY (F)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1. Is fluency instruction **explicit**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
2. Is fluency instruction **systematic**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
3. Does fluency instruction include **coordinated instructional sequences** and **routines?**	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
4. Is fluency instruction **scaffolded**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
5. Does fluency instruction include **cumulative review**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	*Publisher's Comment*: Fluency lessons are presented each week in both whole group and differentiated small group instruction. Students develop fluency by repeated ongoing practice of fluency skills throughout the grade.
6. Are assessments included to measure and monitor progress in fluency?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Weekly and at end of six-week unit.
7. Does the program address all dimensions of fluency (speed, accuracy, and prosody)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
8. Does the program encourage the teacher to model speed, accuracy, and prosody?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
9. Does fluency practice during letter-sound study and text reading involve the teacher's providing feedback to students?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
10. Is fluency instruction integrated into each day's lesson?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
11. Is the decoding strategy taught so that it becomes automatic?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
12. Are irregular words taught to be recognized automatically?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
13. Is there an emphasis on reading multisyllabic words fluently?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
14. Are research-based fluency strategies (e.g., timed readings, peer reading, and repeated readings) included?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
15. Is fluency practice introduced after students are proficient at reading words accurately (e.g., in lists, sentences, and passages)?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
16. Does fluency practice involve decodable texts (texts that include phonic elements and word types students have previously been taught)?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	*Publisher's Comment*: Fluency practice includes the fluency passages found in the Teacher's Edition and on transparencies. Practice books also contain

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								fluency practice.
17. Are both narrative and expository texts provided for students to read aloud?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Alternate weekly; two page expository selection each week.
18. Are teacher prompts included to encourage students to read aloud in order to determine skills application and accuracy?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
19. After error correction, are students asked to reread the word, word list, or sentence correctly and then to reread it from the beginning?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	Not evident.
20. Are students given ample practice opportunities to use text at their independent or instructional level to help build fluency?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
21. Is the number of texts at each level sufficient to provide adequate practice opportunities?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Adequate but need more at extreme levels, however not given enough materials to truly evaluate.
22. Does the program clearly show the teacher how to determine independent, instructional, and frustrational reading levels for individual students?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
23. Is there a guide to help teachers calculate fluency rate?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
24. Do students have opportunities to time themselves and graph results after rereading the same text?			X	X	X	X	X	1	
25. Are there directions for how to pair students for partner reading?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	*Publisher's Comment*: Suggestions for grouping students are provided in *Managing Small Groups: A How-to Guide* which is provided with the *Treasures* materials for teachers. The guide is also referenced at the beginning of each week's instruction on the Managing the Class page.
26. Are students taught a specific error correction to use when reading with a partner?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	*Publisher's Comment*: Fluency lessons focus on skills each week. Once a particular skill is taught, pairs of students may practice the skill while reading to each other.
27. Is there continuous progress monitoring of oral reading fluency?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Yes, weekly.
28. Is an end-of-the-year fluency goal of correct words per minute given for each grade?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
TOTAL								**27**	

VOCABULARY (V)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1. Is vocabulary instruction **explicit**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
2. Is vocabulary instruction **systematic**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
3. Does vocabulary instruction include **coordinated instructional sequences** and **routines**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
4. Is vocabulary instruction **scaffolded**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
5. Does vocabulary instruction include **cumulative review**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
6. Are assessments included to measure and monitor progress in **vocabulary**?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
7. Is emphasis placed on listening and speaking vocabulary?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
8. Is there emphasis on reading and writing vocabulary?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
9. Are students exposed to diverse vocabulary through listening to or reading narrative and expository texts?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
10. Does the program include frequent use of teacher read-alouds using higher level books with explanation and instruction of key vocabulary?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
11. Does the program include a variety of texts that allow students ample opportunities to engage in wide reading at their independent levels?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Leveled reading above, on, below and EL.
12. Does vocabulary instruction occur before, during, and after reading?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
13. Are a limited number of words selected for robust, explicit vocabulary instruction?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
14. Are important, useful, and difficult words taught?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
15. Does the instructional routine for vocabulary include:									
Introducing the word?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
Presenting a student-friendly explanation?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
Clarifying the word with examples?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
Checking students' understanding?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
16. Are ample opportunities provided to engage in oral vocabulary activities that:									
Repeat exposure to words in rich and multiple contexts?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	

Use everyday language to explain word meanings?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
Connect word meanings to prior knowledge?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	This is weak.
17. Are students given multiple opportunities to use new words in reading sentences, paragraphs, or longer texts?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Found in Word Study & Work Stations.
18. Is extended instruction provided in multiple contexts to promote word awareness using word banks, vocabulary logs, writing, semantic maps, concept definition mapping, and word classification?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
19. Are strategies taught over time to ensure understanding and correct application?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
20. Are meanings of prefixes, roots, and suffixes taught before connecting them to words?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
21. Is a strategy to determine word meanings based on meanings of prefixes, roots, and suffixes taught?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
22. Are various aspects of word study included (either under vocabulary or word recognition) such as:									
Concepts of word meaning?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
Multiple meanings?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
Synonyms?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
Antonyms?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
Homonyms?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	*Publisher's Comment*: Homonyms are taught in Treasures under the headings "homographs" and "homophones."
Figurative meanings?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
Morphemic analysis?			X	X	X	X	X	1	
Etymologies?				X	X	X	X	1	
23. Is dictionary use explicitly taught using grade-appropriate dictionaries?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
24. Is the use of context to gain the meaning of an unfamiliar word kept to a minimum?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
25. Is computer technology used to help teach vocabulary?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Found on Word Study websites.
TOTAL								37	

COMPREHENSION (C)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1. Is comprehension instruction explicit?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
2. Is comprehension instruction systematic?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
3. Does comprehension instruction include coordinated instructional sequences and routines?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
4. Is comprehension instruction scaffolded?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
5. Does comprehension instruction include cumulative review?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
6. Are assessments included to measure and monitor progress in comprehension?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
7. Is learning to determine which strategy to use and why (metacognition) part of instruction?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
8. When a strategy is taught, is it applied frequently so students understand its usefulness?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
9. Are students asked to apply previously learned strategies to new texts?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
10. Is appropriate text provided for students to practice applying strategies?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
11. Does program instruction enable students to establish and adjust purposes for reading (e.g., reading to understand, interpret, inform, to enjoy, and to solve problems)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	*Publisher's Comment*: Students set purposes for reading with a "Read to Find Out" question before Student Edition selections.
12. Does instruction support the use of multiple, coordinated comprehension strategies?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
13. Are guided and supported cooperative learning groups suggested as an instructional technique?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
14. Does instruction begin with the use of short passages?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Opener (2-page at beginner of the week).
15. Does instruction emphasize that students have a conceptual understanding of beginning, middle, and end?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
16. Does the program provide prompts for the teacher to guide the students through texts using think-alouds?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
17. Are models of effective questioning techniques (e.g., Bloom's taxonomy) provided to guide and monitor students' comprehension?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
18. Are there ample opportunities for students to listen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	

Question									Publisher's Comment
to narrative and expository text?									
19. Is instruction in narrative and expository text structures explicit?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
20. Are there ample opportunities for students to read narrative and expository texts at independent and instructional levels?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
21. Is there a variety of narrative and expository books at the appropriate readability level for student practice?		X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
22. Do texts contain useful and familiar concepts and vocabulary?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
23. Are there instructional routines for comprehension strategies for use before, during, and after reading (e.g., prediction, story grammar, summarization, graphic organizers)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
24. Is the "main idea" strategy taught systematically (e.g., using pictures, then individual sentences, then paragraphs, etc.)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	
25. Once students have grasped the concept of "main idea," are more complex texts used in which the main idea is not explicit?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
26. Are elements of story grammar (e.g., setting, characters, important events, etc.) taught and used for retelling a story?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	*Publisher's Comment*: Instruction about elements of story grammar appears first in Unit 1. Students then use story grammar to summarize Student Edition stories.
27. Does instruction focus on discussion story grammar and comparing stories?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	*Publisher's Comment*: Students may use story grammar that has been focused on during instruction to answer the "Reading/Writing Across Texts" questions found on Student Edition "Comprehension Check" pages. They may also use story grammar when completing the "Make Connections Across Texts" activities found in small group differentiated instruction pages.
28. Is story grammar introduced systematically, beginning with simple text that gradually becomes more complex?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	*Publisher's Comment*: Students first read a short two-page text in Unit 1 with accompanying instruction in the Teacher's Edition about story grammar. Students then read a longer accompanying text and use story grammar while answering questions. In other units students read fiction and answer

									questions using story grammar.
29. Are students taught to use graphic organizers to illustrate relationships among concepts in text (e.g., story maps, Venn diagrams, and semantic maps)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
30. Are conventions of expository text (e.g., chapter headings, charts, and graphs) taught?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	*Publisher's Comment*: Discussions about the conventions of expository text appear in explanatory side bars on Student Edition pages under the heading "Text Feature." Accompanying Teacher's Edition copy provides more instruction.
31. Are explicit strategies for interpreting information from charts, graphs, tables, and diagrams taught?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
32. After instruction, is there systematic review of:									
Literal comprehension?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
Retelling?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
Main idea?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
Summarization?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
33. Does the program provide instruction for students to become self-directed in using comprehension strategies (e.g., rereading, paraphrasing, making explicit connections from text to prior knowledge, underlining and note-taking, and visualizing relationships and events in the text)?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
TOTAL								39	

STANDARDS ALIGNMENT	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1. Is clear alignment provided to the Common Core State Standards?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
2. Is clear alignment provided to the Indiana Academic Standards?			X	X	X	X	X	1	
TOTAL								2	

MOTIVATION AND ENGAGEMENT (M&E)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
Does the program direct the teacher in ways to increase student motivation such as:									
1. Making reading relevant to students' lives?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
2. Providing meaningful goals for learning from texts?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
3. Making available a variety of choices (e.g., texts and assignments) that align with instruction?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
4. Providing opportunities for students to work collaboratively?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	Yes, via stations.
TOTAL								5	

ASSESSMENT (A)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1. Are assessments included that teachers can use to guide student movement through the program (e.g., screening, progress monitoring, diagnostic, and outcome measures)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	Exam view weekly and end-of-unit (every 6 weeks) are skills-based
2. Does the program provide teacher guidance in using assessment results to differentiate instruction?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
3. Do the assessments identify students who are at risk or already experiencing difficulty learning to read?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
TOTAL								4	

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PD)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1. Is adequate time offered for teachers to learn new concepts and practice what they have learned?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
2. Is there a plan for coaches, mentors, peers, or outside experts to provide feedback to teachers and follow-up assistance as they put new concepts into practice?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	Not seen but referenced in research.
3. Are teachers taught how to administer and interpret assessments that accompany the program?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	Not referenced in PD plan.
4. Is program PD customized to meet participants' varying needs (e.g., first-year teachers, coaches, and principals)?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	Publisher's Comment: Customized PD plans are made with the districts input upon adoption of the program.
5. Does the PD provide support (e.g., principal checklists, follow-up, in-class modeling, and a CD for viewing model lessons) to facilitate application of content?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	Not referenced in PD plan.
TOTAL								2	